WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method by a server of transmitting pass/fail information indicating whether an examinee has passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal of said examinee via a network, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a confirmation mail to said examinee terminal asking whether to require said pass/fail information;

receiving a response mail returned by said examinee terminal in response to said confirmation mail;

recording reception time at which said server receives said response mail;

determining, based on said reception time, a transmission order by which to transmit to said examinee terminal a pass/fail information address in said network at which said pass/fail information is located; and

transmitting said pass/fail information address to a predetermined number of said examinee terminals depending on said transmission order and a server load value indicating a load on said server and/or said network.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a transmission request for transmitting said pass/fail information transmitted from said examinee terminal, said transmission

request based on said pass/fail information address;
and

      transmitting said pass/fail information in
response to said transmission request.

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      3. A method by a server of transmitting
10 pass/fail information indicating whether an examinee
has passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal
of said examinee via a network, comprising the steps
of:

      receiving a transmission request for
15 transmitting said pass/fail information transmitted
from said examinee terminal, said transmission
request based on a pass/fail information address in
said network at which said pass/fail information is
located; and

20   transmitting, in response to reception of
said transmission request, a plurality of examinee
ID numbers around an examinee ID number of said
examinee.

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      4. A method by a server of transmitting
pass/fail information indicating whether an examinee
30 among a plurality of examinees has passed or failed
an exam to an examinee terminal of said examinee via
a network, comprising the steps of:

      transmitting to said examinee terminal an
enquiry to said examinee asking whether said
35 examinee wishes to disclose said pass/fail
information to other examinees;

      receiving a response by said examinee

terminal to said transmitted enquiry;

grouping, based on profile information of the plurality of examinees, examinees whose responses indicate a wish to disclose said pass/fail information to other examinees; and

5   transmitting pass/fail information of the grouped examinees to said examinee terminals of the grouped examinees.

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5. A transmitting apparatus of pass/fail information indicating whether an examinee has

15   passed or failed an exam to an examinee terminal, comprising:

a transmitting unit that transmits a confirmation mail to said examinee terminal asking whether to require said pass/fail information;

a receiving unit that receives a response mail returned by said examinee terminal in response

20   to said confirmation mail;

a determining unit that records reception time at which said response mail is received and

25   determines, based on said reception time, a transmission order by which to transmit to said examinee terminal a pass/fail information address at which said pass/fail information is located; and

a transmitting unit that transmits said

30   pass/fail information address to a predetermined number of said examinee terminals depending on said transmission order and a load value indicating a load on said transmitting apparatus.

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6. The transmitting apparatus as set forth in claim 5, wherein the transmitting unit transmits said pass/fail information address to the predetermined number of examinee terminals when the load value indicating the load on said transmitting apparatus is less than a predetermined value.

7. A computer program that causes a computer to function as:

a transmitting unit that transmits a confirmation mail to an examinee terminal used by an examinee asking whether said examinee requires pass/fail information indicating whether said examinee has passed or failed an exam;

a receiving unit that receives a response mail returned in response to said confirmation mail from said examinee terminal;

a determining unit that records reception time at which said response mail is received and determines, based on said reception time, a transmission order by which to transmit to said examinee terminal a pass/fail information address at which said pass/fail information is located; and

a transmitting unit that transmits said pass/fail information address to a predetermined number of said examinee terminals depending on said transmission order and a load value indicating a load or said computer.

8. The computer program as set forth in claim 7, wherein the transmitting unit transmits

said pass/fail information address to the
predetermined number of examinee terminals while the
load value indicating the load on said computer is
less than a predetermined value.

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        9. A computer readable recording medium
10   storing a computer program that causes a computer to
function as:
        a transmitting unit that transmits a
confirmation mail to an examinee terminal used by an
examinee asking whether said examinee requires
15   pass/fail information indicating whether said
examinee has passed or failed an exam;
        a receiving unit that receives a response
mail returned in response to said confirmation mail
from said examinee terminal;
20   a determining unit that records reception
time at which said response mail is received and
determines, based on said reception time, a
transmission order by which to transmit to said
examinee terminal a pass/fail information address at
25   which said pass/fail information is located; and
        a transmitting unit that transmits said
pass/fail information address to a predetermined
number of said examinee terminals depending on said
transmission order and a load value indicating a
30   load on said computer.

35   10. The computer readable recording medium
as set forth in claim 9, wherein the transmitting
unit transmits said pass/fail information address to

the predetermined number of examinee terminals while
the load value indicating the load on said computer
is less than a predetermined value.

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